



Notification of Rights under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford parents and students age 18 or older (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. These rights are as follows:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school principal or other appropriate school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students may write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If DCPS decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent (in writing) to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. For example, FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent to school officials whom DCPS has determined to have legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by DCPS as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person or company with whom DCPS has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); an official of another school system where a student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled; or a parent, student or other volunteer serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

(4) The right to withhold disclosure of directory information. At its discretion, DCPS may disclose basic “directory information” that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy without the consent of parents or eligible students in accordance with the provisions of District law and FERPA. Directory information includes:

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| A. Student Name | F. Weight and Height of Members of Athletic Teams |
| B. Student Address | G. Diplomas and Awards Received |
| C. Student Telephone Listing | H. Student’s Date and Place of Birth |
| D. Name of School Attending | I. Names of Schools Previously Attended |
| E. Participation in Officially Recognized Activities and Sports | J. Dates of Attendance |

Parents or eligible students may instruct DCPS to withhold any or all of the information identified above (i) by completing the “Release of Student Directory Information” Form available at www.dcps.dc.gov/enroll or the local school, or (ii) by providing notice in writing to the Office of Data and Accountability at 1200 First St. NE, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20002. The release or notification must be provided within 30 days of the issuance of this notice.

(5) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by DCPS to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20202.



Release of Student Directory Information School Year 2014-2015

To: All Parents and Adult Students (18 years of age and older)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that requires DCPS, with certain exceptions, to get your permission before disclosing personally identifiable information from education records. However, DCPS may disclose basic "directory information" that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy without your consent. The primary purpose of directory information disclosure is to allow DCPS to include this type of information in certain school publications such as pamphlets for drama productions, graduation programs, honor rolls or sports team activity sheets for football, basketball, etc. Directory information can also be disclosed to outside organizations such as federal and state agencies offering jobs and educational benefits, media sources, and companies that make class rings and publish yearbooks.

The information listed below has been designated as directory information under District of Columbia law and FERPA, and may therefore be released at the discretion of DCPS. You have the right to instruct DCPS that it may not release any or all of this information without obtaining your prior written consent by completing this form. Your decision on this form will be valid for the remainder of the current school year. **A new Release of Student Directory Information form must be completed each School Year.**

Please place a check mark on the line beside any directory information items listed below that you do not want DCPS to disclose without your consent, if any.

<input type="checkbox"/> Student Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Weight and Height of Members of Athletic Teams
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Diplomas and Awards Received
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Telephone Listing	<input type="checkbox"/> Student's Date and Place of Birth
<input type="checkbox"/> Name of School Attending	<input type="checkbox"/> Names of Schools Previously Attended
<input type="checkbox"/> Participation in Officially Recognized Activities and Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Dates of Attendance

By signing below I am giving written notification to DCPS that it may not disclose the directory information items I have placed a check mark beside above unless I give prior written consent. I understand that such information may still be disclosed by DCPS if disclosure is otherwise permissible under FERPA.

Student Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

If at least 18 years old, Student Signature

Date

***If this form is not returned by September 15, it will be assumed that the above information may be designated as directory information for the remainder of the school year. ***